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xylene, mesitylene, tetralin, chlorobenzene, dichlorobenzene, bromobenzene, petroleum ether, hexane, cyclohexane, dichloromethane, trichloromethane, tetrachloromethane, dichloroethane, trichloroethane, tetrachloroethane, and mixtures of these solvents.

Claim 8 Canceled

Claim 9 (previously amended) A process according to claim 7, wherein the solvent is a mixture of water and dichloromethane.

Claim 10 (original) A process according to claim 9, wherein the weight ratio of dichloromethane to water is from about 5 to about 50.

Claim 11 (canceled)

Claim 12 (original) A process according to claim 2, wherein the reaction is carried out at from about -10°C to about +40°C.

Claim 13 (original) A process according to claim 2, wherein the reaction period is from about 0.1 to about 4 hours.

Claims 14 - 69 (canceled)

REMARKS

In the amendment, the Examiner is requested to kindly amend claim 6 as indicated.

After entry of the amendment, claims 2 - 7, 9 - 10 and 12 - 13 are pending.

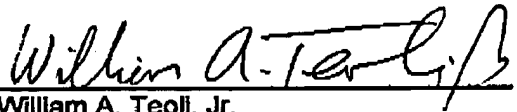
Claims 6, 7, 9 and 10 were rejected under § 112, second paragraph, for the reasons given on page 2 of the Official action. Applicants have adopted the suggestion of the Examiner by amending claim 6 as indicated in the above listing. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and to withdraw the rejection.

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An early and favorable reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested. If any fee under 37 CFR § 1.17 is due in connection with this amendment, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1676 in the name of Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc. for the appropriate amount.

Respectfully submitted,

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